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PATENT
Docket No. M 6401A-OS/PS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Natale, et al., a Divisional under
37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of:

Serial No. 09/363,555

Examiner: K. Egwim

Filed: 07/29/99

Art Unit: 1713

TITLE: STABILIZATION OF AQUEOUS EMULSION POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

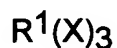
Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the
following rewritten paragraph:**

--It has now been discovered that the branched products of the reaction of

A) at least one compound of formula I



(I)

wherein each X group is a halogen atom or one X group is a halogen